

GOOD NEIGHBOR ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

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Good Neighbor Environmental Board Meetings for 2001

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- **July 25-26** - San Diego, California
- **October 10-11** - Laredo, Texas

Strategic Planning Workshop Recap

Good Neighbor's recent strategic planning workshop in Fort Worth, Texas, focused on how the Board can operate more effectively. The outcome was a road map that calls for a number of actions including the following: 1) put a formalized procedure into place for reporting to the Executive Branch and Congress; 2) make recommendations more specific to effect specific changes; 3) increase input from border communities, including Mexican entities, to inform recommendations; and 4) step up outreach and communications.

Fifth Report

Good Neighbor's Fifth Report to the President and Congress will cover four topics: management and transportation of hazardous waste; wastewater treatment; air quality, and water resources. Cross-cutting themes will include infrastructure, relationship between economics and the environment; cross-border harmonization, and public health.

Workgroups

Given some reconfiguration of the Board's activities as a result of the strategic planning workshop, current workgroup structure is being re-evaluated. The Board will discuss the current structure and make decisions during the upcoming Yuma meeting. In the interim, the current workgroup monthly conference calls for March will take place as usual.

Workgroup Conference Calls for March

- **Coordination with Mexico** (2nd Tuesday)

Tuesday, March 13, 11 Eastern, 10 Central, 9 Mountain, and 8 Pacific Time

- **Private Sector** (2nd Wednesday)

Wednesday, March 14, 12 Eastern, 11 Central, 10 Mountain, and 9 Pacific Time

- **2001 Issues** (3rd Wednesday)

Note: Will be rescheduled, as date coincides with Yuma meeting.

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****Note: The items in the section below have been cut-and-pasted and compiled from other documents. Please check a primary source to ensure complete accuracy.****

BECC - Requesting public comment on draft criteria for private projects. Deadline: March 14. Contain BECC for more details or to send comments at dhobbs@cocef.org

Grants available - Community Toolboxfor Children's Environmental Health invites grant applications for its two programs, one of childhood lead poisoning and the other on Children's Environmental Health. Deadline: March 15. See www.communitytoolbox.org

Johnson's Wax Fund awards grants from \$1,000 - 30,000 in areas including wildlife protection, international environmental issues, and health care. See www.scjohnson.com/community

Grants awarded - ADEQ has distributed more than \$678,000 in federal Clean Water Act grant awards to 7 projects statewide to assist in management of nonpoint source pollution. One project is designed to reduce sediment entering the San Pedro River. Contact: Jack Ladd, (520) 432-4312.

Water- A report that focuses on what it calls the "new watershed approach", entitled "Toward Understanding of New Watershed Initiatives," is available for downloading through "Library" at www.tu.org.

A new report called "Water Infrastructure Now" has been published by the Water Infrastructure Network; the report says the US water infrastructure needs a five-year, \$57 billion investment for everything from routine maintenance to upgrades. See www.agc.org/content/public/PDF/Municipal_Uilities/win_report.pdf

A new NGO coalition, the Freshwater Action Network, has been established to support international NGO advocacy around freshwater issues. Contact: daniellemorley@wateraid.org.uk

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Note: Event listings below have been drawn from other lists and may have changed. Please check a primary source for more details.

Events specific to border region are in bold.

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| Mar 5-6 | CEC PRTR Project Meeting, Mexico, DF, Mexico |
| Mar 7-8 | Texas Gov. Perry trade and transportation summit with governors of all 31 Mexican states |
| Mar 8 | EPA San Diego Border Office Open House, San Diego, CA. |
| Mar 11-14 | Ninth National Symposium on Individual and Small Community Sewage Systems. Contact: David Gustafson, 1-800-955-8636. |
| Mar 12-15 | Riparian Habitat and Floodplains Conference, Sacramento, CA. See www.tws-west.org/riparian . |
| Mar 14 | International Day of Action Against Dams and for Rivers, Water & Life. See www.irn.org/dayofaction |
| Mar 14 | EPA El Paso Border Office Forum, El Paso, TX |
| Mar 15 | CEC Trinational Air Quality Improvement Initiative, North American Trade and Transportation Corridors meeting, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada |
| Mar 15-16 | Training workshop for leaders of volunteer estuary monitoring programs, Tijuana, BC. Contact: rohrel@vacmc.org |
| Mar 21-22 | Good Neighbor Environmental Board meeting, Yuma, AZ. See www.epa.gov/ocem/gneb-page.htm |
| Mar 22 | World Water Day - Water and Health. See www.worldwaterday.org . |
| May 15-17 | VI Congreso Nacional de Ciencias Ambientales, Pachuca, Hidalgo |
| Mar 27 | BECC mtg., Phoenix, AZ |
| Apr 2-4 | U.S.-Mexico Border Resource Conservation & Development meeting, El Paso, TX. |
| Apr 12 | EPA San Diego Border Office Open House, San Diego, CA. |
| Apr | WGA-NGA Smart Growth Conference, Phoenix, AZ |
| Apr 22-25 | NSF Small Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems conference. Contact: cotruvo@nsf.org . |
| Apr 25-27 | 10 th Annual Conference on Health and the Environment, United Nations, New York. Contact: wit1986@aol.com |

Apr 26-28 Encuentro Fronterizo III, Baja California, Mexico

Apr 30-May 2 Border Institute III Rio Rico meeting, Rio Rico, Arizona. See www.scerp.org

Apr 30-May 2 Rio+ 10 Prep Comm. See www.un.org/rio+10

May 2-4 CEC National Advisory Committee/Government Advisory Committee meeting, Washington, D.C.

May 10 EPA San Diego Border Office Open House, San Diego, CA.

May 12-19 National River Cleanup Week. Contact: rivercleanup@aol.com

May 20-23 National Watershed Coalition's conference on Small Watershed Programs, Richmond, VA Contact: jwpeterson@erols.com

May 29-Jun 1 US-Mexico Border Health Association Annual Meeting, Las Cruces, New Mexico

June Border Governors' Conference

June 27-July 1 EPA National Watershed Forum, Arlington, VA.

June 30- July 3 National Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference, Atlanta, GA

July 2- 4 7th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment, San Francisco, CA

July 5-8 Water for People and Nature: A Forum on Conservation and Human Rights, Vancouver British Columbia, Canada. See www.canadians.org/blueplanet/index2.html Contact: blueplanet@canadians.org.

July 25-26 Good Neighbor Environmental Board meeting, San Diego, CA. See www.epa.gov/ocem/gneb-page.htm

July 30-Aug 2 Nature Conservancy conference, "Managing River Flows for Biodiversity," Fort Collins, CO. See www.freshwaters.org/conference

Aug 10-12 Role of Water in History and Development conference, University of Bergen, Norway. See www.iwha.net

Aug 11-14 WGA Annual Meeting, Coeur d'Alene

Aug 27-31 2001 ASCE Wetlands Engineering & River Restoration Conference, Reno, NV. See www.asce.org/conferences/wetlands2001

Sept 8-11 Children's Environmental Health II: Global Forum for Action Conference, Washington, D.C.

Oct 10-11 Good Neighbor Environmental Board meeting, Laredo, Texas. See www.epa.gov/ocem/gneb-page.htm

Dec 3-7 International Conference on Freshwater: Water for the Poor, Bonn, Germany. See www.bmu.ed/english/tnew

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